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Learner Accomplishments

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy (NMPL) Learners are guided to break down daunting goals like “better English composition” into smaller and more manageable tasks called SMART Goals.

SMART Goals are Specific, Measurable, Acceptable, Realistic and Time-Specific Goals that are practical and individual to each Learner.

Here are a few of the many accomplishments some of our Learners made in Fall and Winter of 2018 by setting SMART Goals. Our Learners and Tutors have worked hard to reach these individual goals and they will only keep progressing with practice.

We hope they inspire you to set and meet your SMART goals in 2019!

Keep an eye out for more Learner Accomplishments in future newsletters.

Family & Home Life Goals
Helped Children with Homework: Kaori S., Kristi A.
Hosted Holiday Dinner: Sarah K.

Workplace Goals
Obtained Real Estate License: Isabella S.
Began a New Job or Received a Promotion: Mieko I., Sabrina P., Pedro L.
Improved Work-related Skills: Ana J., Lily Y

Community Goals
Obtained U.S. Citizenship: Alireza T., Bahareh Y.
Read Voter Guide/Registered/Voted: Sarah K.
Got Involved with a Community Issue: Sun J.
Became a Volunteer: Kristi A.

Life-long Learner Goals
Advanced to Higher Levels of Reading Material: Mieko I., Lily Y., H. Maeng
Improved English Phonics: Marco Y.
Finished a Novel in English: Saori K.

2018 Volunteer of the Year

Ray Johnston has been with the program for six months and has been proactive in suggesting changes to improve NMPL. Ray has been an integral part in creating changes to our Assessment process which will be more user-friendly and accurate so that we can properly identify the needs of those who turn to our program.

For several years, Ray managed the UCLA campus bookstore. He has worked as a design and organizational consultant with an administration and program development background. Ray has brought these skills to NMPL after researching volunteer opportunities in the area and attending many events at the Newport Beach Public Library. Other than his work at NMPL, he has volunteered to raise funds for breast cancer and cervical cancer research, and worked with youth as a counselor in various camp programs in Texas and Colorado.

When Ray is not volunteering, you can find him at long lunches with friends, out and about admiring sculpture and design, or curled up reading some of his favorite authors, Bill Bryson or Roger Lowenstein.
Gift of Literacy Luncheon
with Bestselling Author,
Lisa See

Friday, April 5th, 2019
11am at The Pacific Club
Tickets will be available for sale at the end of January

The 12th annual Gift of Literacy luncheon is NMPL’s biggest fundraiser of the year. Not only does it raise much needed funds for materials and programming, but it highlights the power of literacy in our community. As she has done over the years, bestselling author Lisa See has chosen our luncheon for the Orange County introduction of her newest book. The Island of Sea Women, selected as one of Oprah Magazine’s 25 most anticipated books for 2019, is expected to join See’s long list of bestsellers including: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan and others.

The Island of Sea Women delves into the friendship between women on a small Korean island where girls begin working as sea divers when they are very young. The book introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

Ticket price of $100 per person includes a signed copy of the book. Silent auction and raffle opportunities will be available at the event. We hope that you will join us for this inspiring event and help support Literacy in the community.

For information about sponsorship, please contact Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy office at: cweiss@newportbeachca.gov or 949.717.3874

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Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy
1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660
We are an IRS designated 501(c)(3) #93-1011706

2018 Holiday Potluck Fun

On Saturday, Dec. 8, NMPL Learners, Tutors and Volunteers gathered for our annual Holiday Potluck!

We began with a game of Getting to Know You Bingo, so that the amazing participants in our literacy community could break the ice and get to know a bit about each other through this fun game.

The kid’s craft table was well-attended, and tutor Shannon I. made the event super special with her face-painting talents! The plates were heavy this year as the potluck table was bountiful. Thank you to those who brought their favorite (and delectable) dishes & drinks!

In addition to awarding Volunteer of the Year, we recognized the dedicated volunteers that accumulated 100+ hours of service with NMPL in 2018.

We also gave a very special recognition to the ladies of the Events Committee whose talents help us raise funds to grow and help more people each year!
January/February Class Dates and Events  
*All events are located at the Central Library unless otherwise posted, and are subject to change.*

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*Pre-Registration required. Please contact the Literacy Office at literacy@newportbeachca.gov or (949) 717-3874 for information.*